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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES: FRG CONTRIBUTIONS

REF: USNATO 1358 (NOTAL)

IN RESPONSE TO THE US REQUEST OF DECEMBER 13, 1977 FOR
ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA REFUGEES (REFTEL) THE FRG CIRCU-
LATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT THE FEBRUARY 14 POLADS
MEETING.

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BEGIN TEXT OF FRG PAPER:

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEE SITUATION

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REF: US NOTE OF 13 DECEMBER 1977

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1. BETWEEN APRIL 1975 AND OCTOBER 1977, THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT MADE AVAILABLE ABOUT 10 MILLION MARKS IN THE FORM OF
BILATERAL AID AND AS ASSISTANCE TO THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING REFUGEES FROM INDO-
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CHINA. OF THIS AMOUNT, AMONG OTHERS, 2.7 MILLION MARKS
WERE EARMARKED AS A CONTRIBUTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TO THE UNHCR AID PROGRAMME IN THAILAND. IN ADDITION, 0.8
MILLION MARKS HAVE SO FAR BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE "INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION" (ICEM) FOR
THE TRANSPORTATION OF IMPECUNIOUS INDOCHINA REFUGEES FROM
THIRD COUNTRIES TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. UP

TO NOW, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1,100 REFUGEES HAVE--FOR THE MOST PART BY MEANS OF MONEY FROM THIS FUND--BEEN ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY; ANOTHER 100 REFUGEE PLACES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN FILLED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED, TRADITIONAL LAWS OF THE SEA, THE MERCHANT VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE OBLIGED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE AT SEA. OBSERVANCE OF THIS OBLIGATION IS ENSURED BY NATIONAL LEGISLATION WHICH INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR PENAL SANCTIONS IN CASE OF NON-OBSERVANCE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A SPECIAL POINT OF REMINDING OWNERS AND MASTERS OF GERMAN SHIPS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THIS RESPECT.

3. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS MADE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING AID TO REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA:

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--THAILAND:

2,7 MILLION MARKS AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR AID PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA AND THAILAND.

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SOUTH VIET NAM:

IN APRIL, 1975, 2 MILLION MARKS WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA IN SOUTH VIETNAM, WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED 1 MILLION MARKS TO JOIN OPERATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF UNHCR AND UNICEF IN BOTH PARTS OF VIETNAM, MAKING A TOTAL OF 3 MILLION MARKS.

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LAOS:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF 755,000 MARKS TO THE UNHCR PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA IN LAOS, AS A CASH GIFT TO THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED FARMERS, AS A CASH GIFT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF RICE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND AS A CASH GIFT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAMENTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA IN LAOS.

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MALAYSIA:

100,000 MARKS IN 1977 AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM THE SHIPS "ROLAND" AND "LAP DEAL".

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OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES:

3 MILLION MARKS IN 1975 AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNHCR AID PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA IN THIRD COUNTRIES (OF WHICH 1 MILLION MARKS WAS EARMARKED FOR VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY).

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM)
800,000 MARKS IN 1975 AS AN ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR THE TRANS-
PORTATION OF IMPECUNIOUS REFUGEES FROM THE COUNTRIES OF
FORMER INDOCHINA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THIS
FUND HAS SERVED UNTIL THE END OF 1977 FOR THE PAYMENT OF
AIR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ABOUT 900 PERSONS (OF WHOM 274
PERSONS WERE TRANSPORTED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 30 NOVEMBER
1977, 201 OF WHOM WERE REFUGEES FROM CAMPS IN THAILAND).
ASSURANCES FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A FURTHER 300 INDOCHINA
REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

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GIFTS IN KIND (CLOTHING) ETC. FOR IMPECUNIOUS REFUGEES FROM
INDOCHINA:
OVER AND ABOVE THESE PROGRAMMES, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
MADE AVAILABLE IN 1977 THE AMOUNT OF 110,500 MARKS FOR THE
PROVISION OF CLOTHING, ETC. TO IMPECUNIOUS REFUGEES FROM
VIETNAM.

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4. THIS LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOOD ASSISTANCE GRANTED
FROM FEDERAL FUNDS (6,000 TONS FOR 1976/77) AND THE VERY
CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF AID FROM GERMAN CHARITABLE ORGANI-
ZATIONS SUCH AS THE GERMAN RED CROSS AND OTHERS. END TEXT.
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